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In New York, prices were 1 cent higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on the larger sizes when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was steady on the lighter weights and fully steady to firm on the larger sizes. Demand was moderate to very good. Supplies were sufficient to in close balance for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were tight to balanced for the light demand. Light type fowl were generally sufficient for the fair to good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were higher for the larger sizes with medium and small unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to very good with food service movement mostly moderate. Supplies were in close balance to adequate for current orders. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand were light with many breakers working from existing inventories and not seeking shell eggs outside of regular commitments. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-64	59-61
LARGE	55-63	57-60
MEDIUM	34-40	37-39

IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.			
LARGE	38-46	41	
MEDIUM	16-21	19	
SMALL	4-6		

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply higher on extra large and large, however mediums were unchanged when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was steady on lighter weights, firm on the balance. Demand was moderate to mostly good. Supplies were adequate to close for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were tight to balanced for the light demand. Light type hens were generally adequate for normal to instances heavy processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-75	63-67
LARGE	56-70	61-65
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Extra large and large prices increased 10 cents, medium prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to very good for Thanksgiving needs and feature activity. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to close for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offers and demand were light with many breakers working from existing inventories and not seeking additional shell eggs. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64.5-73	66-69
LARGE	63.5-72	65-68
MEDIUM	38.5-47	40-43

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to higher on lighter weights when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm beginning the week. Retail demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were generally adequate for the mostly fair to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51.25-69	63-66
LARGE	49.25-67	61-64
MEDIUM	36.25-45	38-42

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices entered the week 1 cent higher on extra large and large, unchanged on mediums. Trade sentiment was steady on mediums, firm on larger sizes. Demand was moderate to mostly good. Supplies of heavier weights were in close balance, mediums were fully sufficient for trade needs.

RANGE

EXTRA LARGE	71-75
LARGE	69-73
MEDIUM	47-51

CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS Prices for larger sizes sharply higher, mediums were unchanged. The market tone steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies were mixed, adequate to balanced.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-69	63-65
LARGE	60-65	61-64
MEDIUM	41-48	42-44

WESTERN Prices 8-9 cents higher on jumbo, 9-10 cents higher on extra large and large, and unchanged on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 7% lower than last Monday with California down 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 16%. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings in close balance.

CALIFORNIA Prices 8 cents higher on jumbo, 9 cents higher on extra large and large, and unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 1% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings in close balance to light. Small benchmark price 55. Ads and prices to consumers in Northern California were not available.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	104
EXTRA LARGE	102
LARGE	95
MEDIUM	75

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	249-269	JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	
MEDIUM	189-205	MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 19, 2004 will increase by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 12, 2004 were 210,733 cases which was 0 percent above the prior week and 12 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	175,566	35,167	210,733
% change from the prior week.....	+3	-10	+0

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Offerings and demand were light with many breakers working from existing inventories and not seeking additional shell eggs outside of regular commitments. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	26-28	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-19	13-15
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate supplies of spent hens. Finished sales were seasonally active. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
15-NOV-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-15 CENTS/LB.	10-11	10.62
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
15-NOV-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15 CENTS/LB.	10.5-12	11.47
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-NOVEMBER 15, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO Northeast	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	SO Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	13.6	14.1	6.2	17.8	12.8	64.5
	Change	0.7	-1.9	0.0	3.6	1.8	7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.5	35.9	12.9	34.7	39.1	148.1
	Change	3.4	-9.7	1.4	-0.5	3.1	-2%
Large	Curr Wk	72.3	100.8	59.2	127.8	76.8	436.9
	Change	7.8	-10.2	-9.4	-10.2	-20.4	-9%
Medium	Curr Wk	18.5	56.0	18.2	27.4	29.2	149.3
	Change	4.1	8.0	1.5	2.1	0.1	12%
Small	Curr Wk	5.0	23.0	2.9	7.3	5.4	43.6
	Change	1.0	-1.3	-0.6	1.4	0.2	2%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.3	40.6	8.5	15.2	6.9	76.5
	Change	0.9	12.1	-0.4	-1.6	-1.6	14%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.3	38.8	23.0	48.1	28.1	160.3
	Change	-6.7	-0.7	-3.4	-3.0	2.8	-6%
Total	Curr Wk	162.5	309.2	130.9	278.3	198.3	1079.2
Percent	Change	7%	-1%	-8%	-3%	-7%	-2%
TOTAL				Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators	

Shell Egg	1079.2	-2%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	233.2	-7%	35

Total Shell Egg 1312.4 -3% 208
1/Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 01, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.97	1.94	1.85	1.16

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING NOVEMBER 01, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.52	1.52	1.42	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2004

CURRENT LOADS								12.00	FUTURE LOADS								7.00	TOTAL LOADS								19.00
		SE		NE		MW					SC		NW		SW											
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST												
GNR W 1	42.00	—	—	44.00	—	—	3.00	GL W J	—	—	—	70.50	—	—	68.00	2.00										
GL W J	—	—	—	—	54.00	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00										
GL W XL	—	—	54.00	54.67	47.00	—	7.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	38.00	—	—	—	2.00										
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	52.00	53.00	4.00																			
GL W MD	—	—	29.50	31.00	26.50	—	3.00																			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/08/04-11/12/04

CURRENT LOADS 47.00								FUTURE LOADS 76.25								TOTAL LOADS 123.25							
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	40.25	42.57	35.50	40.33	55.00	—	37.00	GNR W 1	—	52.00	—	—	—	53.50	13.00								
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	57.50	1.00								
GL W J	—	—	55.00	56.00	54.00	56.00	4.00	GL W J	—	—	—	70.50	59.00	64.00	3.00								
GL W XL	—	48.00	49.79	52.81	51.00	—	26.75	GL W XL	40.00	58.25	—	—	—	52.25	11.00								
GL W LG	—	55.27	47.00	49.00	49.91	49.79	52.50	GL W LG	—	56.33	—	60.28	—	62.00	27.25								
GL W MD	34.00	33.00	26.83	29.25	26.94	30.00	29.50	GL W MD	—	40.00	—	38.33	—	40.07	18.25								
GL W SM	—	—	23.00	25.00	18.75	20.75	3.00	NRBS - 39	15.00	16.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	26.00	—	—	30.00	30.00	9.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	11/08/04	11/01/04	11/10/03
PACIFIC COAST	858	943	97
LOS ANGELES	836	917	51

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 - 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 - 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 - 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 - 142	125 - 128

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is higher on large sizes, steady on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	80.35
LARGE	78.35
MEDIUM	55.63
SMALL	42.00

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